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# Lake Shelbyville Eco-Meet

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Dear Eco-Team Sponsor:

Welcome to the beginning of the 47th annual Eco-Meet season! This year's Lake Shelbyville Eco-Meet will be held on Thursday, October 3, 2024 at the Camp Camfield Ecological Study Area for both junior varsity and varsity teams. The study guides for this year's event are based on the following topics:

## **JUNIOR VARSITY (7th-8th Grades)**

1. Rocks and Minerals
2. Bats
3. Illinois Turtles

## **VARSITY (High School)**

1. Butterflies and Moths
2. Sustainable Energy
3. Illinois Mushrooms

Eco-Meet is a scholastic competition sponsored by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Lake Shelbyville. Designed to cultivate an interest in ecology and the environment among young minds, Eco-Meet is hosted outdoors at the Camp Camfield Ecological Study Area, southwest of Sullivan. Students are given study guides prior to the meet and will be tested individually over the nature-themed topics previously listed. Eco-Team coaches are often able to integrate the study materials provided into their classroom science curriculums. During the event, students enjoy a fun, knowledge-packed day spent in nature.

Feedback has indicated that the competition encourages improved teacher-student interaction. Former and current coaches have found that the hands-on activities integrated into the Eco-Meet supplement classroom experiences with an essential, practical application element. Participation in the event is free of charge. We hope that you will consider involvement in this year's Eco-Meet, and we invite you to register now.

This year's information packet, registration form, and study materials are all available now at the following website: <https://www.mvs.usace.army.mil/Missions/Recreation/Lake-Shelbyville/2024-Lake-Shelbyville-Eco-Meet/>. Please review the posted materials and submit your team's registration form no later than September 26, 2024. Registration sheets may be filled out electronically and submitted by e-mail to [lakeshelbyville@usace.army.mil](mailto:lakeshelbyville@usace.army.mil). Please refrain from using GoogleDocs when submitting your forms as it is not permitted for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

If you have any questions regarding Eco-Meet or any difficulties accessing the online materials, please call the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Lake Shelbyville Interpretive Services and Outreach Programs Department at (217) 774-3951 (ext. 2) or email us at [lakeshelbyville@usace.army.mil](mailto:lakeshelbyville@usace.army.mil). We look forward to another successful, fun-filled event this fall!

Sincerely,

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## Eco-Meet FAQ's

### What if it rains?

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Park Rangers will decide whether the event needs to be rescheduled due to weather the day prior to the event, Wednesday October 2nd. In the case of cancellation, Eco Meet will be moved to the following Thursday, October 10th. In the event this date is also cancelled by weather, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will decide on cancelling the event entirely or organizing a later date.

### Do we need to bring our lunches?

Yes! Please plan to bring either sack lunches or supplies to cook over fire for the event. We will have several fires started and will keep them burning throughout the event. Schools are more than welcome to bring hotdogs, s'mores, roasting sticks, etc. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineer will not provide roasting sticks or supplies for cooking.

### Can I bring more than 4 students?

While we would love to have more students to enjoy this event, we ask that teachers limit the amount of students to a maximum of 4 so that we can prepare for and execute a high quality event.

### What Should I Bring?

Dress for the weather! Long pants and closed-toe shoes are recommended. Jackets, coats, and ponchos are needed dependent of weather. Trashbags or blankets can be used to sit on as all students will sit on the grass to take their exams. All students should bring a clipboard and pencils for testing.

A cooler with food/drinks is recommended. There is a water bottle refill station near the registration tent, however, there is no station or fountain in the testing areas, so bring plenty of water with you or fill your bottle up upon registering! There will be several trash cans throughout the camp area.

Extras include: Germ-X, blankets, lawn chairs for the team camp area, sunscreen, bug spray.

### Are there bathrooms?

Yes. The front parking lot where teachers and students will register there is a comfort station with two restrooms. In the testing area, we will have several portable toilets with a hand wash station available.

